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. . . AND HERE'S WHAT THEY SAY . . .

The Labor Youth League an organization of youth from all phases of American life, Negro and white, is launching its newspaper by and for the students in North Carolina.

In case you haven't heard of us before let us tell you something about ourselves. Our organization bases itself on the world's most dynamic current of contemporary thought—Marxism. This is a philosophy oriented toward the common people, providing by means of scientific socialism the solution to humanity's most pressing problems: war, poverty, and national oppression. We believe that these problems confront the youth directly, and the final solution of these profound problems will come about only through the complete changing of the economy from capitalism to socialism and eventually to communism.

THE FACE YOU MISS...

Are you missing faces on your campus? If you are, you can blame it on the draft and you haven't seen anything yet.

Let's take a look behind the scene. We might find out some things.

The stepped-up pouring of our youth and students into uniform came with the intervention of U.S. forces in Korea. Since then there has been a steady demand for more and more of the Nation's youth. The big question is what the guys in Korea keep asking: WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR?

The reason is simple once we get behind the screen that hides the real facts. This screen consists of many phoney, patriotic-sounding war slogans coming in a stream from big biz politicians, editor, radio commentators, and others who want to "stay on the safe side."

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We believe that a major aspect of this struggle is the fight for the end of Jim Crow in America, the understanding and solution of the Negro question in the U.S.

At this particular time in our war-torn world we recognize the insecurities facing young people as a result of a possible World War III. This fight against World War III and for a peaceful settlement of the Korean conflict is our main program: the life and death of all else we believe in is contingent upon the fight for peace and for the rights of the Negro people.

We ask you to read our paper, write to us, send us news of your campus, but mainly join us in the organized fight for peace.

We will be glad to send you more information about the Labor Youth League on request. Write:

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Are we saving the world from "slavery", from "totalitarianism", from the "menace of Communism"? Or is it something else? It could be.

It will be news for many to find that the New Korean Development Co. has $20 billion invested in Korea. More news to find that Gen. Douglas MacArthur owns a big slice of it. Still more that this is just one of several American-owned corporations trying to corner Korea's raw materials. And that John Foster Dulles has his hand in it too.

It's really great to be jerked out of school to follow the corporation dollars around the world, huh fellas? It's a real privelege to fight a rich white man's war for the glory of robbing a poor colored people of their country. (And in a Jim-Crow army where Negroes get the "Gilbert treatment" in bunches!)

In mid-June we set out to "save the world from Communism", to save Korea from the Koreans, and to save the New Korean Development Co. The latter is by far the most important factor. But now, you see, we have to get ready to save Europe from the Europeans, China from the Chinese, Malaya from, etc., etc. This means that you may be missing more face in the future. In fact, the face you miss may be your own.

But it doesn't have to be! Why not sound off to your Congressman and the editor of your local paper? Tell him: How about a little "preparedness" for peace so a guy can plan a future and have something to study for?

By a Negro Vet
Who's been around

JIM CROW IN EDUCATION

To the seven North Carolina College Law students who applied for admission into the University of North Carolina Law school, Federal Judge Hayes handed down a decision that the law school at NCC was "equal" to that of UNC in facilities and prestige.

The case has been appealed and will be heard before a three judge court in Richmond, March 17.

Of course, no one believes that the "prestige" of the NCC law school is equal to that of the law school at UNC. Is it possible in an openly Jim Crow state for Negro lawyers teaching at NCC to have as much experience in legal circles as white lawyers teaching at UNC?

A further indication of the impossibility of a "separate but equal school system" is the application of four NCC students for admittance to the new million dollar medical school at UNC.

Segregation in education has made the southern school system rank the lowest in the country since the citizens' tax money has to maintain not one but two school systems. Thus segregation in reality robs both Negro and white of educational opportunities.

What is to be Done

The fight for the entrance of Negro students to UNC can be won by Negro and white students working together, and particularly by white students leading the fight on their own campuses.

Among the things that can aid are letters urging the end of Jim Crow at UNC addressed to Gov. Kerr Scott (chairman of the board of trustees) and to your campus newspaper.

Is there a committee on your campus to fight Jim Crow in education?

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FIGHTIN' WORDS

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

College students are supposed to know something about the history of the United States, but how many of us know anything about that particular aspect of American history—Negro history.

Negro History Week, Feb 11th to 17th can serve to remind us once again of how little is known of the magnificent contributions the Negro people have made to this country's development.

But not only do we know little or nothing about Negro history; what we do know is distorted and designed to add fuel to the concept on the part of whites to some special kind of supremacy of white people.

For the Negro student the study of Negro history is especially important. The suppression of Negro history has been robbing the Negro people of the knowledge of their great heritage.

How many students are still under the impression that the Negro people were beneficently handed their freedom from chattel slavery by benevolent white people when in actuality, there were over 200 slave revolts involving many thousands of slaves lead by such fearless men of character and vision as Nat Turner and Denmark Vesey. How many of us know of the important role played by Frederick Douglass in the Abolitionist movement and of his intimate relationship with Lincoln. And how many of us know of the courageous work of Harriet Tubman in conducting the underground railroad which aided escaped slaves out of the South.

Southern white students bear a special responsibility in abetting the fight to bring the facts of Negro history into the light. It is partially through abject ignorance of Negro history that so many Southern whites feed their own complacency in the face of Jim Crow and the outrages against a people with a noble past and an even greater future.

Let us all then use this time to develope our knowledge of Negro history and take pride in the achievements of the Negro people and fight the venom of white supremacy with a deeper understanding of the tremendous part played by the Negro people in the building of our country.

OUTSTANDING BOOKS ON NEGRO HISTORY

By Herbert Aptheker
The Negro in the American Revolution .20
Negro Slave Revolts in the U.S. .25
The Negro in the Abolitionist Movement .20
The Negro in the Civil War .20

By Earl Conrad
Harriet Tubman: Negro Soldier and Abolitionist .20

By Harry Haywood
Negro Liberation a comprehensive study of the Negro Question 1.00

By James S. Allen
Reconstruction: Battle for Democracy 2.00

If these books are not in your library, they may be obtained by writing to the Labor Youth League, 799 Broadway, N.Y.

THE SUPPRESSION OF THE DUKE 'N' DUCHESS

The axe has fallen upon the risque Duke Humor Magazine, Duke 'N' Duchess. The suppression followed immediately the appearance of the recent "Littleworth" edition (quietly removed from the library shelf). Why did the "Littleworth" edition of the Duke 'N' Duchess prove such a bomb shell? Was it because its humor was definitely on the rugged side? Previous editions had scarcely been less smutty, and college humor publications have generally been allowed considerable latitude in this respect. Any Duke student will tell you that the answer lies in the real identity of certain members of the "Littleworth" clan. The university wheels, it seems, found these characterizations decidedly more "in bad taste" than all the "sexy" humor in the world. While holding no sympathy for the occasional obscenity in the sequence, FIGHTIN' WORDS would like to share a few passages which may have caused the ruckus:

Following the Civil War "Buck Littleworth" (son of a confederate Colonel, and suspiciously like sacred-cow James Buchanan Duke) went into the tobacco business. "He despised labor and especially unions. He wouldn't wear a union suit in weather cold enough to freeze his fountain. He fought unions with tremendous vehemence, however, for Buck was a self made man..."

The narrative continues with an account of Buck's constructive "philanthropy", and in particular with the foundation of "Littleworth" University. "To the occasional student who intrudes upon the Gothic gloom of Littleworth Memorial Nook, nothing is quite so touching as the following inscription:

'Here lies Buck cooly stretched on the shelf,
Who no longer cares for his self.
Smoking one of his best
He ignited his vest
And made quite an ash of himself.'"

At Buck's death daughter Diane (Doris?) Littleworth "fell heir to about ninety million dollars worth of electricity...Life became dull for our little rich girl so she decided to build a $12 million home around a fashionable toilet..."

Then Diane married Jimmy Welldrum. "Diane tossed $2 million into the Democratic campaign bucket and Mr. and Diane Welldrum went to Canada with an ambassadorship...Returning to her estate in New Jersey she founded a sanitary farm for pigs...She occasionally visits Littleworth University for functions of importance..."

Students were not long in learning that this kind of satire constituted blasphemy. At the next meeting of the publications board Dean Herring read the magazine editor's prepared resignation, stating that he was resigning because of the "embarrassment" his magazine caused the University. Abruptly following this, Duke 'N' Duchess was suspended "indefinitely". The term "embarrassment" well characterizes the dilemma in which University authorities found themselves.

Trying to perpetuate the legend of intellectual freedom at Duke, they were forced to couch the suspension announcement in a lengthy eulogy about freedom. It must have indeed caused "embarrassment" to demonstrate so conclusively their subservience to the tobacco tycoons.

The D 'N' D article would have been better and funnier had not the editors found it necessary to throw in a supply of obscenity, thereby giving the administration an out.

Anyhow, the demonstration of administrative servility they inspired is truly monumental.

STUDENTS FOR DEMAGOGIC ACTION

At the beginning of January the UNC chapter of the Students For Democratic Action, the liberal anti-Communist organization, held its first meeting of the new year. It had as its guest speaker a Negro minister Rev. D.W. Roston, who in his address requested specific action from white students on local issues in the Negro community, mentioning among other things garbage disposal and paved streets and sidewalks.

The discussion which followed Rev. Roston's address was marked by a patronizing sympathy and an insensitive snooping into "how the other half lives." The George White Night School for Negro adults, founded several years ago by white students and widely supported by the Negro community was violently red-baited.

When a white student present criticized this trend that the discussion had taken, the red-baiter's answer to make everything right was to jump up and wave a dollar bill for "Roston (not Reverend Roston) to use as he sees fit".

After this circus performance the group set up a committee to "investigate" what action the SDA could take. This committee promptly died.

The SDA's solution of sympathy, charity, and fruitless "investigation" must be disgusting to the many honest white students seeking to end the horror of Negro oppression. We suggest that very little investigation by the disturbed white students will reveal no shortage of conditions requiring action: the fight to save the Dainiel's cousins, two North Carolina Negro sharecroppers who face the lynch justice that the Martinsville 7 have seen, the fight for the admission of Negro students to UNC, and the Gilbert case, the fight against the wholesale court martials of Negro troops in Korea, the fight against discriminatory wages and working conditions, as well as the suggestions of the Negro minister.

THE SHREVE-REGAN BILL

The Shreve-Regan thought control bill for N. Carolina died in committee in 1949. It is back at this session of the state legislature with new and worse provisions aimed at making the advocacy of peace a felony. Under the guise of "anti-Communism it would outlaw everything Communists support.

One of the bill's main provisions is for "loyalty" oaths. Section #5 of the measure provides for loyalty oaths not only for state employees but for every employee of every private concern in North Carolina including colleges and schools.

It will hardly have a salutary effect on education. With this Damocles' sword hanging over every professor and faculty member, teaching, at best, will be divorced from every reality. Teachers will be afraid to express any opinion on any controversial topic, and thought will be channeled into a course set by Shreve-Regan.

In this atmosphere, Franklin Roosevelt's statement of Dec. 15, 1949 certainly sounds radical. He said, "We will not, under any threat or in the face of any danger, surrender the guarantees of liberty our fathers framed for us in our Bill of Rights"

Instituting a loyalty oath despite overwhelming opposition from student and faculty at the U. of California resulted in the firing of 40 leading faculty members, chaos in the graduate and professional schools, and a wholesale drop in the academic standing of the University.

This is a lesson to students who think that college is a place where there is a free flow of ideas.

The Shreve-Regan bill can be stopped by the protests of a people jealous of their civil liberties.

Write at once to Rep. R. Lee Whitmire, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, opposing the bill and demanding full public hearings.

students in the Press

From the WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL Dec. 6, 1950, a letter to the editor:

"If a 17-year-old senior may include a few lines in your paper without depriving adult correspondents who fume about such things as cats and birds, I would like to present to the public a grave situation.

"Today, due to an unfortunate illness of the teacher, the senior class was left very much on its own for a two-hour span. We began talking in a round-table fashion about our future. At our stage of the game, this is a very serious topic, and to us now it is a very grave one. I saw many a youthful brow wrinkle as the lips uttered darkly—"What future?" "Will we have a future?" Now for the first time we realize that we are being cheated of our future—our right to live, to love, to worship, laugh and die.

"No, we do not blame anyone in particular for the world situation. It is the entire rotten system that we hate. We feel that we are in a dark night, and well we know that we may be left to either bring the dawn or perish like dogs in the darkness. The clouds of war, crime, greed, hate, human destiny, and many others ever darken the threatning tempest. It makes us feel small and helpless when we hear of such things as the mighty bombs which seem ready to blast our future into the stratosphere.

"It is not pleasant to be young today with such a future in sight. To think of graduation night with the girls going home to weep and fret as the boys march off to kill and be killed, makes our laughs sallow and die in our throats.

"While adults rave about such things as cats killing birds at this threatening time, we youth beg and plead for peace and a chance to live!

Pearlie Hege, Lexington, N.C."

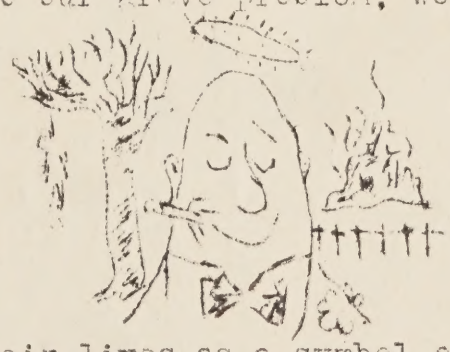
From the Daily Tar Heel, Feb. 9,1951

"To the Editor: In Virginia last Friday morning and Monday, 7 Negro men were executed for raping a white woman. Despite the uncertainty of the involuntary confessions and the protest around the world, the young men whose average age was 22 years were methodically put to death by electrocution.

"It is regrettable that such shocking incidents are often the only way by which society becomes aware of the grave weaknesses inherent in its structure...

"You can mention the Martinsville 7 to most students on the campus, I think, and the unpleasant subject will be indifferently discarded in favor of simple gibberish about Carolina's victory over Duke last week or the latest movies they have seen...

"...The murder of these seven people is a logical outcome of our segregated society...In their needless death we pretend a final solution to our grave problem; we crush



out their lives as a symbol of our own inferiority and incapability to intelligently solve our difficulties.

"...We must tear away the blind of segregation which has warped the personality of the South and blocked realization of our great potential..."

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FROM THE CAROLINA TIMES Feb.3, 1951

NCC STUDENTS MAY BAN LOCAL JIM CROW THEATRES

A source close to the situation informs the CAROLINA TIMES here Tuesday that student leaders at North Carolina College are seriously considering calling a boycott on all local Jim Crow theaters in Durham...

The CAROLINA TIMES was also informed that along with the anticipated stand against further attendance at segregated theaters, the students will discuss the probability of picketing them.

Said one student, "While the segregated theaters in Durham probably can run indefinitely without our financial support, I do not see why we should continue to pay them to insult us...

I cannot see why loyal Negro American citizens have to be asked to a side door or a back door.

FROM THE RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER Feb. 3, 1951

To the Editor: I see by the paper that the United States finally got its way and had China branded an aggressor. I still think the whole idea ridiculous. I'm no pro-communist, but I think I can put myself in their place and realize how they must feel.

Suppose for a moment that China were fighting a war in Mexico. And suppose their troops kept advancing until they were at the Texas border. Don't you think we would get mighty worried—regardless of how many promises they made us? And would we lose any time sending our army to defend our country? And would we feel we were aggressors in doing so?"

Frances Leslie, Wake Forest

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from FREEDOM

"Well, suh, they're sending me to Tokyo to conduct an impartial investigation into Negro court-martials on the basis of my vast experience... you see, I once sat next to a Negro at West Point for a whole week."